

Claim 3, lines 1-2, change "either of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--;  
line 2, change "characterized in that it has," to --having--;  
lines 4-5, delete ", more particularly at least 80 m<sup>2</sup>/g".

Claim 4, lines 1-2, change "one of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--;  
line 2, change "characterized in that it has," to --having--;  
lines 4-5, delete ", more particularly at least 70 m<sup>2</sup>/g".

Claim 5, lines 1-2, change "one of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--;  
line 2, change "characterized in that it has," to --having--.

6. (Amended) Zinc aluminate according to [one of the preceding claims] claim  
1, [characterized in that it comprises] comprising at least one additive [chosen] selected  
from the group consisting of the elements of Groups IA, IIA, VIIA to IB of the Periodic  
Table and from tin, gallium and the rare earths.

7. (Amended) Precursor composition for a zinc aluminate, [characterized in  
that it comprises] comprising compounds of zinc and [of] aluminium [and in that it is]  
which are capable of forming, after being calcined, a zinc aluminate, [this] said aluminate  
having, after being calcined at least at 800°C for 8 hours, a specific surface area of at least  
85 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

Claim 8, line 2, change "characterized in that it" to --which--;  
lines 4-5, delete ", more particularly at least 100 m<sup>2</sup>/g".

Claim 9, line 1, delete "or 8";  
line 2, change "characterized in that it furthermore comprises" to  
--comprising--;  
line 3, change "chosen" to --selected-- and change "those" to --the  
group consisting--.

10. (Amended) Process for the preparation of an aluminate according to [one of  
claims 1 to 6, or of a precursor composition according to one of claims 7 to 9] claim 1,  
[characterized in that it comprises] comprising the following steps:

- bringing a zinc salt, sol or alkoxide and an aluminium alkoxide [are brought]  
together in a solvent medium, optionally with a salt, sol or alkoxide of at least one  
[aforementioned] additive;
- hydrolysing the mixture thus formed [is hydrolysed] by adding water in an excess  
amount with respect to the aluminium alkoxide;
- recovering the precipitate formed [is recovered] and optionally [dried] drying,  
thereby obtaining the precursor composition;
- if required, [the] calcining said precipitate [is calcined], thereby obtaining the  
aluminate.

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11. (Amended) Process for the preparation of an aluminate comprising an additive according to claim 6 [or of a precursor composition comprising a compound of an element according to claim 9], [characterized in that it comprises] comprising the following steps:

- bringing a zinc salt, sol or alkoxide and an aluminium alkoxide [are brought] together in a solvent medium;
- hydrolyzing the mixture thus formed [is hydrolysed] by adding water in an excess amount with respect to the aluminium alkoxide;
- recovering the precipitate formed [is recovered] and optionally [dried] drying, thereby obtaining the precursor composition;
- if required, [the] calcining said precipitate [is calcined], thereby obtaining the aluminate;
- the precursor composition or the aluminate is impregnated with a solution of a salt of the additive or [of] the [aforementioned] element.

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Claim 12, line 1, delete "or 11";

line 2, change "characterized in that" to --wherein--.

Claim 13, lines 1-2, change "11 or 12, characterized in that" to --wherein--.

Claim 14, lines 1-2, change "one of claims 10 to 13" to --claim 10--;

line 2, change "characterized in that" to --wherein--.

Claim 15, lines 1-2, change "one of claims 10 to 14" to --claim 10--;  
line 2, change "characterized in that" to --wherein--.

Claim 16, lines 1-2, delete "the purpose of";  
line 3, change "characterized in that" to --comprising using--;  
line 4, change "one of claims 1 to 6 is used" to --claim 1--.

Claim 17, line 2, change "characterized in that" to --comprising using--;  
lines 3-4, change "one of claims 1 to 6 is used" to --claim 1--.

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18. (Amended) Process for the treatment of gases having a high oxygen content from motor vehicles, [characterized in that] comprising using a catalytic system comprising an aluminate according to [one of claims 1 to 6 is used, the gasses having a high oxygen content] claim 1.

19. (Amended) Catalytic system for the [implementation of a process according to claims 16, 17 or 18, characterized in that it comprises] treatment of gases for reducing the emissions of nitrogen oxides comprising an aluminate according to [one of claims 1 to 6] claim 1 on a substrate.

20. (Amended) [Use of an aluminate according to one of claims 1 to 6 or of a precursor composition according to one of claims 7 to 9 for the manufacture of a] A